(b) if so, what kind of assistance and help India has agreed to provide to Kabul ;

(c) whether any negotiations have been carried in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (d) In response to an appeal from the Government of Afghanistan, we are sending relief supplies for the people of Afghanistan. As on 3rd May, 1989, supplies worth about Rs. 72 lakhs consisting of vanaspati, tea, sugar and medicines had been sent to Kabul.

D.T.C. bus service

1930. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct bus service from Alaknanda Complex to Nehru Place ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reschedule Route Numbers 444, 445 via Nehru Place and if not, what are the reasons therefor:

(c) whether Government have received a number of representations from public and have seen newspaper reports in this regard; and

(d) is so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Route No. 411 is providing direct link between Alaknanda and Nehru Place.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Surveys carried out from time to time revealed that present services have adequately been meeting the transport requirements of the communters.

Reservation for Ex-servicemen in Schools under Delhi Administration and Central Schools

1931. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made recruitment in the different grades of teachers in the schools run by Delhi Administration, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Central School Organisation;

(b) if so, what are the details of vacancies earmarked for ex-servicemen and number of applications in the different grades of teachers;

(c) whether the vacancies of teachers reserved for ex-servicemen have been filled up;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(e) if reply to part (c) above be in negative, what are the details of unfilled vacancies and in what manner Government propose to fill up the remaining vacancies; and

(f) whether Government propose to relax educational norms to fill up the posts of teaches in these schools and hold direct rnterviews for unfilled posts reserveid for ex-servicemen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CUTLURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Delhi

Administration has informed that recruitment to some of the categories of teachers were made in 1988-89. In Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the process of recruitment for 1989-90 is in progress.

(b) The vacancies earmarked for ex-servicemen are as below :—

	KVS	Delhi Administration
PGT . . .	..	11
TGT . . .	64	38
PST . . .	95	..
Misc. . . .	19	5

(c) All vacancies reserved for ex-servicemen were not filled up in Delhi Administration and in respect of KVS, the question does not arise at this stage.

(d) One post of PGT, 8 of TGT were filled up during 1988-89 in Delhi Administration.

(e) Under Delhi Administration there are 10 unfilled vacancies in PGT, 22 in TGT and 5 in Misc. categories of teachers.

(f) No, Sir.

Information in respect of MCD is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Setting up of National Testing Service Society

1932. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government ae going to set up a National Testing Service Society for formulating rules to delink educational qualifications from jobs ; and

(b) if so, what as the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages the establishment of a National Testing Service to conduct tests on a voluntary basis to determine the suitability of candidates for specified jobs and to have the way for emergence of norms of comparable competence across the nation. It has been decided in principle to establish the National Testing Service as a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act.

The main objectives of the N. T.S. will be as follows :—

(i) Conduct tests on a voluntary basis to determine and certify the suitability of candidates for specified jobs that do not require a diploma or degree qualification.

(ii) Design a series of test on the basis of detailed job description and job analysis etc. to identify requirements of knowledge, competence, skills and aptitudes necessary for the purpose of identified jobs or clusters of jobs.

(iii) Develop methodologies and techniques for testing knowledge, proficiency, abilities, skills, competence and and aptitude necessary for the performance of specified jobs or cluster of jobs.

(iv) Make available its expertise to existing institution